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To Whom It May Concern:

Many animals have been too weak to move, control themselves, or, pretty much, even live, due to the horrible conditions at the farms which they are kept. These poor animals are treated wrongfully by being dragged by their legs or necks, or by being pushed to a slaughterhouse by tractors and forklifts. Because of this type of handling, these poor animals suffer, more, from broken bones, torn tendons, and lacerations. It is also said that these animals are fully conscious during this type of handling. All this is done just so these companies can make a few extra dollars.

In my opinion, this type of treatment is completely unnecessary. Instead of beating these animals and treating them with no concern for what they are going through, they could be put to sleep, which is the easiest and most painless death any living thing can go through. Researchers have also complained that these animals may harbor a variant of "mad cow" disease. Since these animals have this disease, it would be dangerous to allow them to enter the nation's food supply. Including these diseased animals to the food supply may jeopardize human health. Please respond to this letter at your convenience.

Thanks For Your Time,

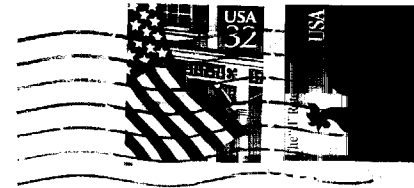


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